Exploration by ONGC in Ramanathpuram in Taminadu

191. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Oil and Natural Gas Corporation did any test in Ramanathpuram Disrict in Tamilnadu to explore and exploit Petroleum products including natural gas; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT SATISH SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Gas was struck in the well Ferungulam-1 in Ramanathpuram district of Tamil Nadu. Presently, one well Palkolam-1 is under drilling situated about 25 Kms. South East in Ramanathapuram.

Amount alocated for conversion of Dindigul-Tiruchirapalli Route

192. SHRI S. VIDUTHALAI VIRUMBI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how much amount has been allocated for conversion of metre gauge line to broad gauge during the last three years (year-wise) for Dindigul-Tiruchirapalli and Tiruchirapalli-Madras route; and

(b) how much amount has been spent for the above mentioned project during the same period?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha

Discontinuation of Railway Claims Tribunals

193 SHRI SANJAY DALMIA :
SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the places where the Railway Claims Tribunals have been discontinued and the reasons therefor, and

(b) the details of tribunals functioning so far, zone-wise?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF):

(a) None of the Railway Claims Tribunal Benches has been discontinued

(b) Zone-wise details of Tribunal Benches functioning at present are given below:

East Zone	:	Calcutta, Guwahati, Patna Bhubaneswar and Gorakhpur.
West Zone	:	Bombay Nagpur and Ahmedabad.
North Zone	:	Delhi, Lucknow, Chandigarh, Jaipur and Bhopal.
South Zone	:	Madras, Bangalore, Ernakulam and Secunderabad.

Accident of Bombay-Howrah Mail

194. SHRI O. P. KOHLI :
SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK :
SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA :
DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI RAM DEO BHANDARI :
SHRI GAYA SINGH:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of passengers were burnt alive in a sleeper coach of the Bombay-Howrah Mail on 26-10-94 in the South Eastern Railway's Chakradharpur division in Bihar;

(b) if so, whether the accident has been investigated and if so, with what details;

(c) the action taken to check such mishaps in future and the extent to which the railway officials are blameworthy to have failed to check the carrying of inflammable items in the trains; and